INTERPELLATION.

(*c*) Is it a fact that the restriction in the number of admissions in His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Boys in all the classes is due to lack of accommodation? If so, will Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to extend the accommodation so as to give facilities for more admissions?

(*d*) Will Government be pleased to declare if they have taken steps to ensure that no Travancorean qualified for admission shall be put to the necessity of going out of the State in the ensuing academic year? If they have not done so, will they be prepared to make such provision without delay?

12. III. Will the Government be pleased to place before the Council a statement giving the number and value of the coins and currency notes of different denominations constituting the Treasury Balances at the commencement of the current financial year and the four preceding years?

Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.

13. I. With reference to the representations in the Popular Assembly demanding a Law for compulsory partition in Nair Tarawads, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have come to any decision in the matter, whether they propose introducing any Bill to amend the Nair Regulation in that respect or other respects, and if so, when?

ANSWER.

In every College, admission may be restricted (1) according to the accommodation available, and (2) according to the discretion of the Principal as to whether or not a pupil deserves admission, even though he is technically eligible for such admission. This discretion is vested in the Principals of Colleges by Rule VIII of the "Rules of directions of the Syndicate for the admission of holders of Secondary School Leaving Certificates to University Course of Study". So far, however, as His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Boys is concerned, the restriction in the number of admissions has been mainly determined by the accommodation available. Government have recognised the inadequacy of accommodation in the College to meet the increasing demands in recent years, and, with a view to remedy this defect, they have shifted the entire High School Department which was held in the College buildings to the new edifice at Vanchiyur. Government have also called upon the Chief Engineer to submit estimates for the execution of certain structural alterations in the College buildings for securing more accommodation and for the addition of a new hall for the College capable of holding 250 pupils. Government have further sanctioned the substantial extension of the Physical Science Laboratory and the prompt completion of the extension to the Chemical Laboratory already begun. These structural additions and alterations, when effected, will afford increased facilities for further admission.

The fact, however, should not be ignored that even with the best of accommodation, no class can hold an unlimited number of pupils, and that an undue overcrowding in this respect must naturally result in impaired efficiency.

Government have repeatedly laid down that, as far as possible, no Travancorean who holds an English School Leaving Certificate qualifying for admission to a University Course should be denied admission to His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Boys on the ground of want of accommodation.

Financial Secretary Mr. K. George.

The statement will be prepared and, when ready, laid on the table.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

Mr. C. Raman Tampi, non-official Member of this Council, has been given permission to move for leave at this meeting to introduce a Bill to amend the Nair Regulation, I of 1088, embodying provisions relating to partition.

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